

GHI in a Stew over County Building Permit Review Snafu

by Diane Oberg

It all seemed so simple. At the May 19 annual membership meeting of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) Board of Directors Chair Julia Eichhorst described a recently rediscovered county law from 1988. The law requires a detailed site plan for all additions that expand by more than 25 percent the gross floor area of a unit. The law (CB-134-1988) applies only to developments in the old portion of Greenbelt (GHI, Lakewood, Lakeside, Woodland Hills, Lastner Lane extended and the American Legion tract including the five free-standing homes).

The tone of the discussion was that Greenbelt was being unfairly singled out. In a quick show of cards requested by Eichhorst, GHI members present overwhelmingly voted to ask County Councilmember Douglas J.J. Peters to request that GHI be exempted from this requirement. On Tuesday, May 24, if the Greenbelt City Council supported it, Peters agreed to introduce legislation to that effect.

Investigation since the meeting, however, reveals that the law was actually passed at the request of an earlier city council and that the 25 percent provision was put in at the request of GHI.

Annual Meeting

According to Eichhorst, both the board and GHI staff were unaware until recently of this requirement. She spoke of the added costs that would be brought on by this law. According to the city, she said, public notice signs would cost \$30 each and there would be a \$500 fee to revise the county master plan (although applicants can request that the fee be waived). The board has not yet discussed the issue in detail and had scheduled their first substantive discussion for the May 26 regular board meeting.

Eichhorst told the members that the county had not previously been enforcing this requirement but now that the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC)

staff are aware of the law, they have put a hold on all permits relating to additions in old Greenbelt until they can determine how to proceed. Steve Skolnik of Ridge Road asked about the legal status of additions built since 1988 that exceed the 25 percent threshold. Eichhorst said that she hopes they will be grandfathered. Eileen Sutkin of Ridge Road urged GHI to seek an exemption from the law since the corporation now has alternate review procedures in place.

Eichhorst had invited Peters to attend the meeting. Peters said that if GHI could come up with wording that it wants to exempt the cooperative from this provision, he could get legislation through fairly quickly. He offered to send a lawyer who drafts legislation to meet with GHI.

Eileen Farnham, of Ridge Road, asked whether anyone has looked into the legislative history and stated purpose of the

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Yardlines, Site Plan Review Challenge GHI Membership

by Diane Oberg

It was almost like the old days. The May 19 Annual Meeting of the members of Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) featured controversial topics, hints of a villain, an overflow crowd and more board candidates than open positions for the first time in several years. With roughly 5 percent of inspected members receiving citations, the report from the Yard Police – excuse me, the report on the Community Beautification Program – was met with little more than a yawn. Instead, the hot topics were recommendations by the ad hoc yard line review committee and a 1988 law that appeared to single out old Greenbelt for extra regulatory hassle that had not previously been enforced.

Things started out quietly enough. Quorum requirements were not an issue – attendees far outnumbered chairs; those without seats sat quietly along the walls, in some spots two or three deep. Routine business was disposed of quickly. Board Chair Julia Eichhorst noted that the officers' reports were printed in the annual report. "Any questions?" she asked. Hearing none, she turned the gavel over to Nominations and Elections (N&E) Committee Chair Alan Turnbull. The N&E Committee had found three candidates for the audit

committee, despite having none when the biographies were prepared for last week's News Review and Elizabeth Wellborn agreed to fill the final spot on the roster for the N&E Committee. (See box on page 7 for election results.) And Lora Katz, chair of the Woodlands Committee, reminded everyone to get their free plants. Then things got interesting.

Yard Lines

Don Hudson, chair of the ad hoc Yard Line Review Committee, described the work that his committee had done since last year. The charge to the committee, he said, was to resolve three problems: confusion during resale, confusion during the permitting process and how to deal with member encroachments onto woodlands and other common areas. In addition to Hudson, the committee consisted of Lora Katz, chair of the Woodlands Committee; Bill Wilkerson and John Nichols, co-chairs of the Architecture and Environment (A&E) Committee; and Susan Ready.

Hudson said that his committee had spent more than 500 hours on the pilot in which five courts on Ridge Road and one court on Hillside Road were reviewed. In making recommendations, the committee considered a

variety of factors including the member handbook, the 1937 hedgelines, existing hedge and fencelines, yard plats and significant natural or manmade features, such as slopes and parking lots.

After the committee conducted a field survey, it used the factors described above to establish a preliminary yard plat for each unit in the pilot. It then sought member input and forwarded its recommendation to the board. The board would either certify the committee's recommended plat for a unit or return it to the committee for further consideration.

Of the 60 units in the pilot, the committee has presented 46 plats to the board. No plats have yet been certified.

Eichhorst stressed that this year's review was a pilot. She said that the board will discuss the issue further and determine how to proceed. She then asked for comments. And the members obliged.

Marat Moore, of 19 Court Hillside Road, protested what she called the proposed devaluation of her cooperative share without a vote. The plat developed by the committee proposed taking 40 percent or more of the garden side yards from the members in

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2006 Budget

"Slim Pickings" for Council As it Works on the Budget

by Thomas X. White

The Greenbelt City Council met on Wednesday, May 18 for its final budget worksession on the city manager's proposed Fiscal Year 2006 budget. Starting at 8 p.m. and going to just after midnight, they looked everywhere either for increased revenue or reduced expenditures. But in the end they came up with savings of just \$90,800.

That amount would shave a little more than one-half a penny off the proposed 6 cent tax rate increase proposed by the manager. Council asked City Manager Michael McLaughlin to follow up on some identified areas on the revenue side that could get them to saving a penny or more by the time the budget is adopted at the June 6 council meeting.

As identified or noted during the several departmental budget worksessions over the past eight weeks, several items that had been raised for further consideration during those sessions were

projected on a screen for the meeting. These served as the council's agenda for action either to accept or reject potential candidate items for savings.

Some items were considered as givens; that is, the item was either based on realities identified during the budget process or items that a clear majority of council had accepted for change in the final budget. In this category on the revenue side was a reduction of \$40,000 in expected Highway User Revenues from the state, based on decisions made by the governor in the budget adopted by the Maryland General Assembly.

Savings

On the expenditure side, council had already identified agreed savings of \$36,300 from reductions in various budgets. Deleted was \$5,000 for a city council visioning process and a savings of \$300 resulted from

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AIMCO Moves Quickly On Springhill Lake Plans

by Elaine Skolnik

The Greenbelt City Council will hold a worksession on the Springhill Lake Redevelopment (SHL) Concept Plan next Tuesday, May 31 at 8 p.m. in the Municipal Building's Council Chambers. On the following night, Wednesday, June 1 at 7:30 p.m., the concept plan will be the focus of the city's Advisory Planning Board (APB) meeting.

Attending both sessions will be representatives of Apartment Investment and Management Company (AIMCO), owner of the SHL apartments; and Duany Platter-Zyberg and Company (DPZ), the internationally recognized design firm located in Florida that planned the community of Kentlands in Gaithersburg. They will brief council and APB mem-

bers on the concept plan which has already been filed and received by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) and respond to questions.

At the earlier May 9 city council meeting, Greenbelt's Planning and Community Development Director Celia Craze had pointed out AIMCO's "aggressive and ambitious" schedule to move ahead quickly. She said it was critical for council to develop its position, recommendations and concerns with respect to the concept plan, which was based on a density of 4,500 apartment units.

Presently, less than 3,000 units

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What Goes On

Monday, May 30 – City and GHI Offices Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 31

8 p.m., Council Worksession, AIMCO Conceptual Site Plan for Springhill Lake, Municipal Building

Wednesday, June 1

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center

8 p.m., Council Worksession, Election Issues, Community Center

Friday, June 3 through Sunday, June 5 – Greenbelt Day Celebration (see ad on page 16 for details)

Saturday, June 4

8 to 10 p.m., Family Swim Night, Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center

Sunday, June 5

12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI Home and Garden Tour. Begin at Museum.

Pick up Maps at Community Center

1 to 5 p.m., Artful Afternoon, Community Center

2:50 p.m., Anniversary Remarks by Mayor and Council, Community Center

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

On Sunday, May 8 the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club (GBGC) teams held their end-of-spring-season awards party and BBQ at Schrom Hills Park. The all-day event was attended by more than 200 players, parents and family members.

Coaches from five girls and four boys teams presented their players with soccer trophies. Coaches' awards were presented to eight head coaches by Commissioner Kim Paz. Players from the University of Maryland soccer team were on hand to encourage the youth of Greenbelt to stick with the sport so they too could possibly be the recipients of sports scholarships some day in the future. The fun-filled day was complete with several parent vs. player games, good food and lots of fun for all.

The GBGC would like to acknowledge and thank the following for their donations: Crescent Road Mini-Mart, Ramon Paz and Georgetown Prep School of Bethesda, Greenbelt Co-op, Beltway Plaza Giant, Greenbelt Safeway, Beltway Plaza 3-Brothers Restaurant, Beltway Trophy and Party City. Also special thanks to Coach Sasho Girovski, Mark Burch and Jason Garey from the University of Maryland Men's Soccer team, Greg Varda of the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Anita Woodruff of CJM Photography Services as well as all the volunteer coaches, team parents, parents and players who made my first season as soccer commissioner a success.

The event was a big success due to the above businesses and people making donations to the community and its youth.

Kim J. Paz
GBGC Soccer Commissioner
Board of Directors

THANKS

I would like to express my thanks to the Greenbelt Recreation Department, the police department and the fire department, as well as the volunteers who helped with the KingTUT Triathlon. Also assisting were the Greenbelt Swim Team and the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board. Participants started with a 40-meter swim, a 1.5 kilometer bicycle ride and finished up with a 250 meter run.

Prizes were donated by Burger King, Modell's Sporting Goods, Chevy's Restaurant, Swim Pro, Beltsville Construction, Giant Food, Chipotle Restaurant, USA Triathlon, College Park Bicycles, Denny's, the Greenbelt Recreation Department, Road ID and Chesapeake Bagel Bakery.

Larry Hilliard
Triathlon Chairman



Greenbelt Boys and Girls soccer team members – front row, left to right: Sarah Paz, Coach Jason Garey, Aaron Solomon, Coach Mark Burch; back row, left to right: Nicole Steinbeck, Coleen McAndrew, Liza Ellis, Anna Flynn. Below, parents and children took to the fields together. A fun time was had by all who participated.



ERHS Student Awarded Scholarship

It is with extreme pleasure that the David R.S. Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund Committee announces it has given an award to Jason Jerome Hawkins as this year's scholarship recipient.

Jason expects to attend Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Pa., this coming fall. He plans to major in economics.

The committee would like to congratulate Jason and his family. Jason was recognized at the 2005 ERHS Awards Ceremony with a check for \$2,000 per year for the next four years.

The committee also wishes to thank all of this year's applicants for their desire and interest in representing ERHS as deserving candidates for David's memorial scholarship.

Doug Mangum, President
David R.S. Craig
Memorial Scholarship Fund

Green Party Holds Annual Assembly

Green Party members from across Maryland will gather at the University of Baltimore's Thumel Business Center on June 4 for Synthesis 2005, the Maryland Green Party's annual assembly. The assembly will feature a full day of workshops, a "Stop the War NOW" panel and keynote speaker Colman McCarthy, founder of the Center for Teaching Peace and a Georgetown University law professor.

Ralph Nader, founder of DemocracyRising.us and lifetime activist, is tentatively scheduled to participate in the "Stop the War NOW" panel.

Registered Greens will have an opportunity to vote for party officers. Offices up for election are the two party co-chairs, treasurer, recording secretary, membership coordinator and two delegate seats to the Green Party of the United States.

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On Screen

“Walk on Water” Opens

The riveting Israeli film “Walk on Water” opens at the Old Greenbelt Theatre Friday, May 27. A troubled Mossad assassin (Lior Ashkenazi) is assigned to track and kill an aged Nazi figure missing from his post-World War II refuge in South America. First contact: a sophisticated grandson from Berlin (Knut Berger) visiting his alienated sister (Carolina Peters) in the kibbutz where she has moved. A complex play of character and sharply-edged ethical concerns drives matters in tightly-limned settings from Israel to Berlin and back, after a start in Istanbul. Director Eytan Fox leads a cast of superb actors with intensity and cool command. Unrated, the film – 94 minutes – contains violence, obscenity, nudity and some discussion of sexuality. A powerful early candidate for foreign film honors at Oscar time.

– Eli Flam

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comprise the SHL apartment development. These will be torn down and replaced with new apartment units and townhouses. Not only will apartments be replaced but also the city's Springhill Lake Recreation Center and the Springhill Lake Elementary School. However, the fate of the school will be decided by the Prince George's County School Board. The concept plan proposes a small number of owner-occupied town homes.

Craze was concerned about AIMCO's fast-tracking of the process. The company's redevelopment schedule envisioned that

the concept plan would be heard by the board of the M-NCPPC on July 1. A design charrette for design professionals and limited to architectural issues has been scheduled for July 15.

M-NCPPC Planner Coordinator Gary Wagner told the News Review that a hearing on the concept plan would probably occur in mid-July. Expected changes in the schedule for a later hearing date before the Planning Board and for the charrette would give the city council, staff and APB more time to study the concept plan and provide their input and recommendations.

Strawberry Festival

Saturday, June 4 — 10 AM to 3 PM
Berwyn Presbyterian Church
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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.
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Community Events

Seniors Take Third Straight

by Eli Flam

Greenbelt's senior softball team beat Bowie Gold on Monday, May 23 in Bowie, 13-8, for a third straight win in their Baltimore Beltway League. Fred Bohle and Harlan Park led a 19-hit attack with three singles each, Bohle driving in a third run with a sacrifice fly for a perfect 3 for 3.

Rodney Hull drove in the first run with a triple and later singled in another run. Also registering two hits were Eli Flam (plus a walk), Ray Reed and Werner Berg. Irv Salzberg drove in two runs with a single and a sacrifice fly. Winning pitcher John Strekel went all the way.

Mishkan Torah Choir Hosts Spring Concert

by Jordan Choper

Mishkan Torah's Concert Choir will present its fifth annual spring concert on Sunday evening, June 5 at 7 p.m. The choir is directed by Becky Silverstein, a retired music and choir teacher in the Baltimore County school system. Guest accompanist will be Chris Wells, a long-time music director of MAD musicals at Goddard.

The choir will start the first half of the concert with an English mini-version of Haydn's Creation. It will feature solos by two well-known local cantors, Phil Greenfield of Mishkan Torah and Yael Fischman of Beth Torah in Hyattsville. They will be joined by Ben Greenfield, Phil's son, who is currently a voice major at Baldwin-Wallace College in Ohio. Other soloists will be Nadine Wobus, a professional musician, music therapist and voice teacher in Bowie and Don Juran, a professional singer and composer.

The second half of the concert will consist of Juran's composition "Psalm 121" which will receive its world premier performance as a trio sung by the composer himself along with Phil and Ben Greenfield. There will be a medley of favorites by Paul Simon and a mix of songs in Yiddish, Ladino, Hebrew, as well as English.

Those in attendance at the concert will also be able to purchase the choir's just-completed first CD, available for sale for the first time. The choir has been asked to produce a CD for many years; it contains 15 songs featuring different soloists and instrumentalists. The choir sings with instrumentation as well as a capella on the CD.

There is a fee for admission which is reduced for tickets purchased in advance. Call Mishkan Torah for advance tickets. Leave a message at 301-474-4223; calls will be returned.

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At the Library

Tuesday, May 31, 10:30 a.m. – Cuddletime for newborn to 17 months with caregiver; limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 1, 10:30 a.m. – Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver; limit 15 toddlers.

Thursday, June 2, 10:30 a.m. – Drop-in Storytime for ages 3 to 5 years; limit 20 children.

Arts Center Presents Season's Last Play

The Greenbelt Arts Center presents the final play of its silver anniversary season, "Over the River and Through the Woods," by Joe DePietro.

The play is a warm, family, ethnic comedy with some very dramatic and poignant moments and laughs all the way. A young, single Italian-American man from New Jersey announces his great out-of-town promotion to both sets of his grandparents, whom he visits for dinner every Sunday. As the grandparents cook, conspire and cajole to get him to stay "for the family" he gets to know and love them even more. This play is by the author of the long-running musical revue "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change."

This production is directed by Bob Hoffman, 25-year veteran of the area's Community Theatre and produced by Pamela Hutchinson. It is produced by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc.,

Performances will be on Fridays and Saturdays, June 3, 4, 10, 11, 17, 18, 24 and 25 at 8 p.m. There are two Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. on June 12 and 19. All performances take place at the Greenbelt Arts Center, 123 Centerway. There is a fee.

For reservations call 301-441-8770. For general information and directions, call Greenbelt Arts Center at 301-441-8770 or go to on-line to the website at <http://www.greenbeltartscenter.org>.

Park Seeks Junior Rangers

The Rangers of Greenbelt Park are looking for Junior Rangers.

Greenbelt Park is an 1,100-acre forest featuring 10 miles of trails, picnic areas and a campground. Junior Rangers will participate in environmental education, field trips and become stewards of the National Park Service.

Applications for the 2005 Junior Ranger program will be available starting on Wednesday, June 1. Pre-registration is mandatory and all applications will be reviewed and applicants will be contacted. The program is for 8 to 12 year olds.

The first session will be held on Tuesday, June 14 through Friday, June 17. Each session will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Deadline for the first session is Wednesday, June 8.

For more information, call 301-344-3944.


GHI Notes

May 30, GHI Offices closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday

May 31 at 7 p.m. – Member & Community Relations Committee, in the Board Room

June 5 from 12:30 to 4 p.m. – House and Garden Tour, starts at Roosevelt Center

June 8 at 7 p.m. – Woodlands Committee, in the Board Room



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Park Celebrates National Trails Day

Greenbelt Park is celebrating National Trails Day (an annual celebration aimed at raising awareness of and appreciation for trails) on Saturday, June 4 at 10 a.m. This year's theme is "Take the Path to a Healthier You!"

Come help remove invasive plants, replace mile markers, enjoy a walk discovering the Exercise Fit trail or the other trails in the park. There will be giveaways including water bottles, T-shirts and water. Meet at the Sweetgum Picnic Area near the entrance of the park.

National Trails Day is coordinated nationally by the American Hiking Society, a national non-profit group.

Greenbelt Park is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Kenilworth Avenue.

For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit the park's website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

GIAC Holds Annual Meeting

The Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative (GIAC) which operates and maintains the GREENBELT.COM web access and mail server will hold its ninth annual meeting on Tuesday, June 7 in Room 202 (theater rehearsal room) of the Greenbelt Community Center at 7 p.m. Sign in and refreshments begin at 6:30. GIAC is a non-stock cooperative organized and operated by community volunteers to help others learn about and access the internet.

Proposed changes to the GIAC Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws will be heard and approved or disapproved by the membership.

Immediately after the meeting elections for the cooperative's officers for the upcoming year will be held. Other principal jobs, committees and activities will be assigned to GIAC volunteers.

Members of the public as well as GIAC members are encouraged to attend the meeting to pursue their own ideas and interests for internet-related community activities. Volunteers are needed to serve as directors, officers and committee members and for the upcoming year. Contact GIAC at giac@greenbelt.com or 301-419-8044 for more information.

KingTUT Triathalon Was Full Of Thrills and Splashes



Splashing into the water is Elizabeth Bailey, shadowed by her teammate Tiffany Johannes (wearing number 102). They were participating in the relay part of the race. About 40 children participated in the KingTUT Triathalon sponsored by the St. Hugh's CYO.

Golden Age Club

by Bunny Fitzgerald

The Golden Age Club meeting on May 18 was opened by Vice President Bill Souser. Roger Brown was the "Man of the Hour." As we had no flag we saluted the American flag on Roger's T-shirt and had a good laugh. Never say seniors aren't resourceful!

Nick and Vita Pergola were honored at the luncheon. They will be greatly missed in Greenbelt but are getting settled in their son's home in Virginia. Nick says, "It's not Greenbelt."

Winners of the birthday raffle were Maxine Smith and Esther Yalowitz.

Paul Sabol will be our leader in different board games and would like some suggestions.

On June 8, Cindy Comproni, general manager of the Greenbelt Credit Union, will speak on identity fraud and other subjects.

Hope to see you at the meetings.

Genealogical Society Meets Wednesday

Prince George's County Genealogical Society will meet on Wednesday, June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library, lower level. Robert Barnes will present "Marriages are made in Heaven but Where are they Recorded?" Visitors are welcome.

The following officers were elected at the May meeting: President, Kent Kwiatkowski; Second Vice President, Heather Olsen; Corresponding Secretary, Alice Rybak Nelson; Recording Secretary, Jeane Kidwell; and Treasurer, Josephine Beagle.

The society meets the first Wednesday of each month, except for January, July and August in the Greenbelt Library. All meetings feature a free genealogy-related presentation; all are welcome. For additional information visit www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs.



HOLY SHRIMP!

St. Hugh's Shrimp Feast
4 June 2005
6:30—10:00 p.m.
(Food served until 9:00 p.m.)

Steamed Shrimp, Cole Slaw, Hot Dogs, Salads, Cake Wheel, 50-50, Corn on the Cob, Beer and Wine (One drink ticket included, after that \$1.50 each) and much more.

Adult — \$20.00 each
7—13 years old — \$9.00 each
Children (up to 6 free!)

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Enjoy Swimming?!

The Greenbelt Swim Team Needs You!

Come join us . . . Make new friends . . .

Improve your strokes and endurance . . . Learn to fly, butterfly that is!

The Greenbelt Swim Team's 2005 Summer season runs from May 31 to July 30.

Walk-in registration will be held on May 25 and 26, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm at the Aquatic Center. Fees are \$35 per swimmer until May 31. Registrations received after May 31 will cost \$40 per swimmer. There is a \$50 Volunteer fee per family which will be returned if earned by helping out with the many tasks the team has. Meets are held 8 AM to Noon each Saturday from June 25 to July 23, with the Divisional meet on July 30 and All-Stars on August 6. There are other meets with dates to be determined: B meets the New Carrollton Royals and the Knights of Columbus Mini-meet.

Swimmers practice May 31 – June 9 on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and June 13 – July 28 in the mornings.

Information and applications can be found at www.greenbelt.com/swimteam or at the GMST bulletin board in the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center, 101 Centerway in Old Greenbelt. For any questions call Deborah Taylor at 301-345-2485 or DeborahTay@aol.com or Leslie Hilliard at 301-474-7504.

Obituaries

Rubye V. Mikesell

Former Greenbelter Rubye Virginia Mikesell, 90, died in Blackfoot, Idaho, on May 17, 2005. Before they moved to Idaho in 2001 to be near their sons, the Mikesells lived for over 50 years in Greenbelt, most of that time in the 49 Court of Ridge Road where they raised their sons and before that in the 9 Court of Southway. She had lived the past three years in Blackfoot.

Mrs. Mikesell was born January 12, 1915, in Hears, Va. She attended school at Red Hill School in Charlottesville, Va.

On September 18, 1939, she married Leonard Mikesell in the Latter Day Saints (LDS) temple in Salt Lake City, Utah. They were married for 66 years.

Mrs. Mikesell was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. She and her husband attended the LDS Church on Prospect Hill Road here and were faithful volunteers for many years at the LDS Temple off of Connecticut Avenue. Her family and her church were her life.

She is survived by her husband Leonard of Blackfoot; sons Wayne and his wife Carol of Blackfoot, Keith and his wife Maureen of Richmond, Utah, and Brian and his wife Jill of Ocean Isle Beach, N. Car.; brothers Stanford Dudley of Charlottesville, Va., and Lamonte Dudley of Gordonsville, Va.; sister Beatrice Powell of Charlottesville; 16 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

A funeral service, conducted by Bishop LuDell Evans, was held on May 21, 2005, at Blackfoot Third Ward LDS Chapel, in Blackfoot followed by burial at nearby Uncon Cemetery. An eulogy by Mrs. Mikesell's bishop at the LDS Church here was read at the service by one of her grandsons.

Donations in Mrs. Mikesell's memory may be made to Aspen Home Health and Hospice, 2240 East 25th Street, Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404.



Leonard and Rubye Mikesell



Baha'i Faith

Race Unity Day Picnic
Sunday, June 12
11 AM-3 PM
In the group picnic area at Buddy Attick park
The public is welcome.
More details next week.

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Greenbelt, MD 20770
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www.bahai.org/www.us.bahai.org

Mishkan Torah Honors Long Term Teacher

On May 21 Congregation Mishkan Torah held a friendly roast of Saul Oresky, a member of the congregation who tutored bar and bat mitzvah students for the past 28 years. Oresky has been accepted as a full-time student at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College (RRC) in Wincote, Pa. There he will begin a five-year course of study to become ordained as a rabbi and receive a masters degree in Hebrew literature.

Students from the 1970s up to this year were there to do him humorous honors. Over 200 people attended. Through it all, Oresky's laid back humor was exhibited – the humor which endeared him to Mishkan Torah's members and to his students. Oresky received many words of praise, mementos and awards, one of which was the establishment of a scholarship fund to help Oresky pay for tuition at RRC.

Police Dog Competition

Coinciding with the Greenbelt Day weekend activities, the United States Police Canine Association will be holding Patrol Dog I certification trials on June 3-4 at Schrom Hills Park. The Greenbelt Police Canine Unit is hosting the competition this year.

Friday events begin at 8 a.m. and last to approximately 4 p.m. The activities consist of canine obedience, agility, and article and box searches. Saturday's activities will run from 8 a.m. until about 2 p.m. and will include apprehension tests. The trials will conclude with the presentation of awards.

Approximately 50 canine teams, consisting of a canine and a handler, are expected to participate in the trials. The public is invited.

Church Holds Strawberry Festival

There will be a strawberry festival on Saturday, June 4 from 10 a.m to 3 p.m. at Berwyn Presbyterian Church, 6301 Greenbelt Road. The festival will include both a live auction and a silent auction (lots of "berry cool stuff" including furniture, gift certificates to local restaurants, corporate tickets to major shows and more). Lots of bargains are assured.

Also featured will be live music; a moon bounce, games and free balloons for the kids; lots of great food; a bake sale, plant sale and white elephant sale; strawberry sundaes and other goodies. Admission is free.

MVA Offices Closed For Memorial Day

The Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration will close its full-service and express offices on Monday, May 30 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. All Vehicle Emissions Inspection Program stations will also close.

Online registration renewals and many other time saving eMVA options are available, as always, 24 hours a day, seven days a week by logging on to www.marylandmva.com. For additional information log on to the website or call the MVA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-950-1MVA(1682).

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Greenbelters were saddened to learn of the death of former long-time Greenbelter Rubye Virginia Mikesell, who died in Blackfoot, Idaho, on May 17, 2005.

Army National Guard Spec. Michael J. Chiddo, an infantry driver with three years' military service, the son of Michael and Janice Chiddo of Mathew Street, recently completed desert warfare combat training at the National Training Center (NTC) in Fr. Irwin, Calif. Chiddo is a member of Bravo Company, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment based in Olney. The desert training site, located in southern California in the Mojave Desert, provides rugged terrain and environment to provide a realistic and grueling test for troops of the 48th Brigade Combat Team in preparation for deployments to Iraq. He was a 2002 graduate of Free State Challenge Academy in Aberdeen, Md.

A U.S. Military Academy representative congratulated twin brother high school seniors James and Joseph Fasone on May 17 at the 2005 Eleanor Roosevelt High School Awards Ceremony on receiving admission into West Point, NY. Applicants to West Point are evaluated on academic, physical and leadership potential and are appointed to the Academy by their congressional representative.

Congressman Steny Hoyer appointed the brothers, who will join around 1,200 incoming students who enter the Academy on Reception Day each year, around July 1.

Congratulations to big brother Younes Slaoui, 2, of Ridge Rd. who welcomed sister Houda into his family on May 6, 2005. Houda weighed in at 7 lbs. 11 oz. Parents Pauline and Radouane are delighted to have a new daughter. Grandmothers Agnes Finn from Los Alamos, N. Mex.; and Amina Madih from Meknes, Morocco; and sister-in-law Yingra Garcia from Columbia, Mo., were in town for the delivery.

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Artful Afternoon Offers Japanese Kotobuki Kai

The next Artful Afternoon, to be held at the Community Center on Sunday, June 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. will feature Japanese dance, construction of floating sculpture gardens and nature art.

Participants can relax and enjoy creativity and inspiration with an eastern theme at an Artful Afternoon, while they work on floating sculpture gardens, see an art show inspired by nature and watch a Japanese dance performance with friends and family.

This free monthly event includes hands-on

art projects, art gallery shows and entertainment sponsored by the Greenbelt Recreation Department. Bring family, friends and neighbors for a fun and relaxing afternoon.

From 1 to 3 p.m. there will be an opportunity to take part in a community art project. Help create artwork for a floating sculpture garden, which will be displayed during the July 4 celebration at Buddy Attick Park. All materials will be provided. This event is free and suitable for all ages.

Japanese Dance

At 3 p.m. there will be a free performance of the mesmerizing pageantry of traditional Japanese dance. This will be a full-costume performance by Japanese Dance Kotobuki Kai with special roles for children from the audience. This is a performance in which both dancer and audience are immersed in a lovely, startling moment. Culture, history and philosophy merge with dance, drama and music in this ancient and elegant Nihon Buyo.

As at each Artful Afternoon attendees can see artists-in-residence at work during the Studio Open House and Demonstrations from 1 to 5 p.m. On display through the Community Center are the School of Flying Fish, Polar Bears and the Woven Snake sculpture displays created by community members at previous Artful Afternoons.

The Community Center Gallery will feature “The Nature of Green Man” exhibit. Greenbelt artists and friends, inspired by nature, promote environmental awareness. There will also be a chance to sit and read a story or



Traditional Japanese dance will be featured at the June Artful Afternoon. The full-costume performance by Japanese Dance Kotobuki Kai includes special roles for children from the audience.

catch up on environmental issues at the “Throne Away Chair,” which is created entirely from recycled materials. The Sunday, June 5 Artful Afternoon program is the last day for this exhibit. Don’t miss it!

Other Programs

Next in the Gallery from June 15 through July 29 will be “Beijing Impressions: Photography by Barbara Tyroler.” There will be a free reception and artist’s talk on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the Community Center Art Gallery

The Greenbelt House and Garden Tour will also be held on Sunday, June 5. Visitors can get self-guided tour maps at the Community Center or at the Museum House (10-B Crescent Road). Along the route, be sure to look for delightful sculptures made by the Greenbelt Elementary School 6th graders.

It’s also Greenbelt Day Weekend! There will be remarks by Greenbelt City Councilmembers at 2:50 p.m. in the auditorium, immediately preceding the Kotobuki Kai dance performance. See www.ci.greenbelt.md.us for more information on Greenbelt Day Weekend.

For historic perspectives on Greenbelt there will be guided tours from 1 to 5 p.m. of the historic home at 10-B Crescent Road operated by the Greenbelt Museum. The museum’s exhibit at the Community Center “Living the Healthy Life” explores the history of sport, health and fitness in the New Deal Era, with something for all ages. This exhibit is open from 9 a.m to 10 p.m. daily.

Artful Afternoons are held the first Sunday of every month at the Community Center, 15 Crescent Road. Artful Afternoons are an excellent outing for families and people of all ages and a great introduction to the many programs and classes available through the Greenbelt Recreation Department. For more information call Barbara Dickey Davis at 240-542-2062.



Children and adults will get to help create artwork for a floating sculpture garden which will be displayed during the July 4 celebration at Buddy Attick Park.

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City Information

Meetings for May 31st-June 3rd

- **Tuesday, May 31,** 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION – AIMCO Conceptual Site Plan for Springhill Lake, Municipal Building.
- **Wednesday, June 1,** 7:30pm, Advisory Planning Board, Community Center
- **Wednesday, June 1,** 8:00pm, COUNCIL WORK SESSION – Election Issues, Community Center.



PUBLIC WORKS PLANT SALE

Saturday, May 28 2005
9:00 AM to 12:00 noon
Public Works Yard

Surplus annuals and perennials commonly used in the City will be for sale, along with some tomato and pepper plants.

MEMORIAL DAY HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

City Offices will be closed Monday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day. The **GREENBELT CONNECTION** will not be operating that day.

REFUSE/RECYCLING SCHEDULE Week of May 30

Monday Route: Collected Tuesday
Tuesday Route: Collected Wednesday
Wednesday Route: Collected Thursday
Thursday Route: Collected Friday

There will be no appliance or yard waste collections on Friday, June 3.

Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board

Wednesday, June 1, 2005

7:30 PM

Greenbelt Community Center

AGENDA

- Call to Order
- Approval of Agenda
- Conceptual Site Plan – Springhill Lake Redevelopment
- Adjourn

GREENBELT AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTER



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Please call 301-397-2208 for more information.

CITY JOB OPENING

Temporary Laborer: \$8.00/hr for approx. 9 month period. Assist various Public Works Crews as needed. M-F, 7:30 am – 4:00 pm. Experience as laborer in public works, construction, landscaping, or related field. Must have valid driver’s license.

Apply: Personnel Office, 25 Crescent Road; download application from www.ci.greenbelt.md.us or call job line at 301-474-1872 to have one mailed.

OPENINGS ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council advisory groups. Vacancies exist on the:

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GREENBELT MUNICIPAL/PUBLIC ACCESS CHANNEL 71

MUNICIPALACCESS: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, May 31 & June 2, 10am & 6pm “Ask the Expert-Applying for Food Stamp & Health Benefits.” 6:30pm “ERHS Awards Ceremony.”

PUBLICACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, June 1 & 3 – 7pm “Future View,” 7:30pm GAC presents “Chance Gardener.”

Make sure to cut out and save the Greenbelt Day Schedule of events featured in this week’s paper!

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"At
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CAPITOL

GHI MEETING continued from page 1

her court. Some of her neighbors were to lose more than half their yards under the committee’s proposal. In addition to the loss of land, Moore objected to the lack of involvement of the residents and the short time they were given to respond to the proposal. She noted that clearly drawn yard plats provided to the residents during settlement were not being honored. She urged members in other courts to make sure they have their property plats and urged that the committee be disbanded.

Bill Phelan, of Ridge Road, noted that members in end-unit frame homes were subject to a rule that limits their yards to 25 feet. This rule, he noted, does not apply to other types of units. He asked the board candidates for their positions on the “corporate encroachment” described by Moore and on the 25-foot rule.

Kris White, of 14 Court Hillside, called the committee’s approach to the yard line issue a waste of time and energy. For the committee to spend over 500 hours on a pilot is “beyond the pale,” she said. The emphasis was supposed to be on encroachments into woodlands and city property, issues that affect a relatively small number of units. She also expressed concern that GHI would not honor a member’s plat.

Eichhorst said that the board is still considering how it wants to proceed with the yard line review and urged members to be involved. She noted that 400 units do not have a previous, certified plat and that there are units that are encroaching on the city right-of-way. Of the board candidates who addressed Phelan’s question, all felt that GHI must respect members’ plats.

1988 Law

A 1988 law that appeared, from the discussion, to single out old Greenbelt for special limitations on additions became a very hot item. (See separate story.)

During the discussion, the role of an unnamed member of the A&E Committee in bringing the issue to the county’s attention became a source of friction.

Phelan charged that the A&E Committee had drifted into something not as diverse as the community. Although frame homes have different issues than other units – “There is nothing historic about the barracks-like structure I live in,” he noted that just two of the 11 committee members live in frame homes.

Phelan moved “that the board be directed, on an advisory basis by the membership, that the A&E Committee be dissolved and reconstituted to represent a more balanced, diverse group of people to represent the community.” He then accepted the amendment by Kiki Theodopolus to amend the motion to reflect diversity of thought.

Andy Carruthers of Gardenway called the motion impulsive and imprecise. He suggested more caution and consideration before taking this step. Theodopolus suggested there be a worksession on the topic. Holly Wheeler urged the members not to disband a committee when GHI depends upon the hard work of its volunteers.

Phelan’s motion received just 27 votes. Eichhorst declared the “No” votes to be a clear majority and did not require a count.

GHI Election Results

Board of Directors

Julia Eichhorst	178
Joyce Abel	166
Sylvia Lewis	164
Sheila Alpers	154
Chuck Hess	124
Patricia Novinski	61

Audit Committee

Mary Crellin	165
Dianne Wilkerson	168
Diana McFadden	162

Nominations Committee*

Alan Turnbull
Roger Brown
Debbie Cooley
Andy Carruthers
Elizabeth Wellborn

GHI Members – 1,600
Members Attending/Voting – unavailable

*Elected by voice vote at the Annual Meeting

Pet Regulations

Kris White, chair of the Companion Animal Committee, reported on the new regulations approved by the board and distributed to members this year. The new regulations change terminology (for example, “animal companion” replaces “pet,” “guardian” replaces “owner”) and attempt to address the most frequent causes of complaints – barking dogs and dogs and cats running loose. Two of the new regulations, White noted, go beyond city and county code and the national model. Under the new GHI regulations, 1) all pets must be sheltered inside the home whenever the owner is not at home and 2) tethering or chaining an animal is prohibited at all times. White said that the Humane Society of the United States and the U.S. Department of Agriculture both consider tethering inhumane. She said that animals are usually tethered due to failure by the guardian to properly train the animal and that tethered animals may become aggressive since they cannot flee a perceived threat.

Member Survey

Last year, the A&E Committee conducted a member survey. Bill Wilkerson, co-chair of that committee, reported that 25 percent of units had responded. The results distributed to members showed that 267 of those responding felt that sheds do not detract from the community’s ap-

pearance, while 102 said they did (247 of the respondents had sheds). When asked if “the large variety of fence types in GHI diminish community appearance, 305 said no vs. 60 yes (200 of the respondents had fences). And 47 respondents said that trash piles in common areas did not erode GHI’s curb appeal vs. 333 who said they do.

Member Payments

Within the next few months, GHI will no longer process member payments in house. Instead, members not participating in the “automatic payment plan” will be asked to send their checks, with an accompanying coupon, to a bank. GHI Treasurer Sylvia Lewis said that members will still be able to bring their payments, with the coupon, to GHI for delivery to the bank. To encourage participation, Lewis said, GHI will hold quarterly drawings among participants with the winner getting a \$200 credit toward their GHI fee. New enrollees signing up by June 30 will get two chances in the October drawing, she said.

Doug Love, of Plateau Place, expressed his appreciation for GHI continuing to allow members to take their payments to GHI. He was concerned that in the future members will be forced into the automatic payment plan. Having been a victim of identity theft, he does not want anyone having access to his checking account.

Jason Hawkins Is Honored With Craig Scholarship

by Shamla Shakir

High School Senior Jason Jerome Hawkins said he was “completely floored” when the David R.S. Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund presented him with an \$8,000 scholarship May 17 at the 2005 Eleanor Roosevelt High School Awards Ceremony. The scholarship, which is awarded annually to an outstanding senior at the Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, gives recipients \$2,000 per year for four years.

Hawkins, a tall, friendly 18-year-old from Lanham had been asked to attend the ceremony but remained uninformed as to what award he would receive.

“I was caught off guard,” Hawkins said, describing his reaction to Scholarship Fund Committee member Bruce Mangum calling him onstage to accept a check for \$2,000.

“When he heard his name, he didn’t know what to do,” said his mother, Felicia “Faye” Hawkins who attended the event to support her youngest son. She added, “We’re just very excited and grateful.”

The motto of the David R.S. Craig Memorial Scholarship fund is “well-rounded, well-rewarded,” President Doug Mangum said.

“We’re not looking for 4.0 students,” he added. “We’re not interested in just one thing.”

Candidates should be actively involved in the community, school, church (of any religion) and sports and demonstrate academic, religious and community values. Mangum said, “Jason was a very, very deserving candidate.”

Hawkins fits the motto well. In his spare time he volunteers at

the Rhema Christian Center, he serves as vice-president of his school’s local chapter of the National Society of Black Engineers Jr., he is a member of Eleanor Roosevelt’s track and field team, as well as part of the improv comedy team Aloniz – and these are just a few of his extracurricular activities. Mangum said he especially liked that Hawkins acted in a school production of “One Flew over the Cuckoo’s Nest.”

The National Honor Roll student said he plans to major in economics at Carnegie Mellon University in Pennsylvania so he can “get a job.”

“But I’m definitely coming back [to Greenbelt] after college,” he added.

When asked what his inspiration to succeed is, Hawkins pointed to Faye. “Because she always worked so hard.”

The scholarship fund was set up in 1985 in memory of David R.S. Craig, an Eleanor Roosevelt High School alumnus killed by a train in Beltsville in 1984. Mangum, who graduated with Craig in 1979, described him as “the kind of guy that made sure people didn’t feel left out,” a person who was active in school, church and enjoyed sports.”

The committee, made up mostly of friends and family of Craig as well as a few past recipients of the scholarship, look for similar traits in potential winners.

Interested Eleanor Roosevelt High School seniors can pick up an application for the scholarship at the guidance office. Applications must be received by April 30.



PHOTO BY SHAMLA SHAKIR

Left to right, Felicia “Faye” Hawkins stands with her son, scholarship awardee Jason Jerome Hawkins and Doug Mangum and Bruce Mangum of the David R.S. Craig Memorial Scholarship Fund.

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Sports, Arts, Exhibits Will Mark Greenbelt Day, June 5

by Mary Moien

On Greenbelt Day, June 5, Greenbelt is celebrating its 68th anniversary. This annual celebration includes a full weekend of activities and festivities starting early Friday, June 3 and continuing through Sunday evening. The Greenbelt City Charter became effective on June 1, 1937, although residents did not begin moving into the new town until the first family moved in the end of September. The mayor and city council members will commemorate the 68th anniversary with a brief presentation on Sunday at 2:50 p.m. at the Community Center.

Every day there will be many activities to enjoy. One can swim all weekend in both the indoor and outdoor pools and take in the ball games at Braden and McDonald Fields with players ranging from Little League to parents versus coaches to a seniors exhibition softball game.

The Greenbelt Police Department is hosting the United States Police Canine Association certification trials on Friday and Saturday at Schrom Hills Park. The Greenbelt Photo Club will have an exhibit at the Aquatic Center – “Small Wonders; Images for Spring.” This will also be the final weekend for the Nature of Green Man art exhibit in the Community Center Gallery, featuring works of more than 20 local artists. Also in the Community Center will be a Greenbelt Museum Exhibition, “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era.”

A family swim night from 8 to 10 p.m. at the outdoor pool will be the

highlight of Saturday evening.

Sunday, Greenbelt Day

Many activities are concentrated on Greenbelt Day itself – Sunday, June 5. Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) will hold a Home & Garden Tour featuring remodeling and renovation projects as well as landscaped gardens. Walking tour maps will be available at the Community Center. The Greenbelt Museum historic house at 10-B Crescent Road will be open for visitors.

At Greenbelt Artful Afternoon an art project will be hosted for all to join in at the Community Center. Participants will create whimsical sculptures that will later be used for the July 4th celebrations at Buddy Attick park. No experience is necessary to participate. (See article on page 5.)

Many of the artists-in-residence at the Community Center will have studio open houses that afternoon. Following Mayor Judith Davis’ comments on the 68th anniversary, there will be a performance of Japanese Dance, Kotobuki Kai. This presentation, for the entire family, will also be at the Community Center.

The weekend festivities end with a reception at the New Deal Café on Sunday night. The Friends of the New Deal Café Arts will be sponsoring a reception for two Greenbelt artists whose works will be on display. The community is invited to come and meet photographer Dorian Winterfeld and artist Shirl Hayes.

(The back page of this issue lists the full schedule of events for Greenbelt Day weekend.)

ERHS’ LaRusso Awarded Credit Union Scholarship

by Marbury Wethered

Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Adam LaRusso has received some welcome news. Educational Systems Federal Credit Union has notified LaRusso that he is one of five college-bound high schoolers who will receive its 2005 Dorothy Marvil Memorial Scholarships.

The young Berwyn Heights resident won his scholarship by writing an essay on the topic “What steps will I take to secure my financial future?” His essay and those submitted by the many other students who had heard about the scholarships were reviewed by a committee that included former teachers and members of the Educational Systems Federal Credit Union Board of Directors.



Adam LaRusso

Participation in the competition was limited to high school seniors who met Educational Systems Federal Credit Union’s membership criteria. Since all Prince George’s County Public Schools students and their immediate family members are now eligible to join the credit union, LaRusso had no trouble qualifying.

LaRusso says he will use his \$1,000 scholarship to attend the University of Maryland, where he plans to major in architecture. If he replicates his academic performance at Roosevelt, he will excel at Maryland. At Roosevelt, his scholastic achievements earned him membership in the National Honor Society.

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sharing an expenditure for legal counsel with the City of Laurel. Other savings were \$20,000 in police vehicle purchase costs by buying less expensive Chevrolet Impalas instead of Ford Crown Victorias. Another \$9,000 was saved by council’s agreement with the Public Works recommendation to discontinue the use of biodiesel fuel and \$2,000 by closing the Community Center at 7 p.m. on Sundays.

Based on information provided by the city manager at the meeting the unexpected retirement of a long-time recreation coordinator would realize savings of \$15,000 because her replacement would be hired at entry level. That brought the total expenditure savings up to \$51,300 without controversy.

Left were the more difficult items that had been raised during previous work sessions and deferred to this one for decision. If council agreed to make these changes to the budget in addition to the \$51,300 already agreed upon, the total savings would have amounted to \$301,500, just over a 2 cent reduction in the proposed tax rate increase. However, that was not to be.

There was at least three more hours of discussion on the pros and cons for each of the items and some were accepted by a majority of council, some were not and some other items were thrown into the mix. The outcome was that the council fell short of even a penny savings.

Positions Stated

Mayor Judith Davis made her feelings known at the start. She told her colleagues, “I would like to find reductions that would allow up to a 2 cent decrease in the manager’s budget, making sure that no city department suffered disproportionately, while restoring the 85 percent/15 percent split for employees health benefits.” In order to realize that goal, council would have to find approximately \$350,000 in budget savings. (\$290,000 for the 2 cent reduction in the tax rate and \$60,000 for maintaining the status quo on the health benefits.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts indicated that he was interested in maintaining the health benefits but he wanted to do that by not hiring any new employees in the budget.

Councilmember Leta Mach said that she wanted to allow the hiring for the employee slots authorized in last year’s budget. “I cannot see a 2-cent decrease. Some decrease is possible, but looking at the long term structural problem, I just cannot see how we can do 2 cents,” she said.

Councilmember Edward Putens wanted to know where you could cut. “I am not in favor of reducing . . . [the budget]. We knew it was going to happen and it was planned for,” he asserted.

McLaughlin held out some hope that County Councilmember

Council Actions

In reviewing the departmental budgets along with the list of items needing decisions, council made the following determinations:

- Sending only one member of council to out of town conferences at a savings of \$11,000 was rejected.
- Less glossy printing/photos for the budget document to save \$1,500 was also rejected.
- Adding a fourth code enforcement inspector position was supported at a cost of \$40,000.
- The council did not support the purchase of an eighth police vehicle (\$23,000) but agreed to change the red light camera system technology to digital which would add revenues for the city of \$20,000.
- Reducing funds in the Public Works budgets for building contract maintenance (\$15,000) and streets contract maintenance (\$6,200) were not approved, but removing planters at Roosevelt Center (\$1,500) was approved.
- Neither adding a half-time CARES counselor (\$25,000) nor funding a strengthening families CARES program (\$15,000) were approved.
- The unfilled recreation center coordinator position at \$40,000 was approved for budget elimination but a proposal to fund the position for just a half-year received the necessary third vote for a net budget reduction of \$20,000.
- There was no support for reducing the budget for grounds maintenance by \$5,000 but a proposed additional playground maintenance position (\$32,000) was deleted from the budget.
- McLaughlin was unable to convince council that it should use Program Open Space grant funds to help pay for the new skateboard park which would have reduced using other city funds by \$135,000.
- Council then rejected the manager’s proposal to require city employees to pay a larger percentage of their health insurance benefit costs which added \$60,000 to the budget.
- Council agreed to fund contributions to organizations aided by the city at the same level as this year, the amount proposed in the budget.
- In the Capital Projects budget, council agreed to reduce the amount proposed for roadway improvements by \$40,000 taking into consideration the expected reduction in state highway revenues that are used to fund road improvements. Council also reduced the amount of general funds transferred to the Capital Projects Fund by \$66,000 resulting in another budget reduction.

In the final analysis, the net savings for the evening amounted to \$90,800. With possible revenue increases if the county decides to fund the Greenbelt SRO program and if the Maryland Comptroller’s office accelerates income tax distributions to local governments. Whether those windfalls occur in time to influence the final budget is unknown.

Douglas J.J. Peters may come up with some funding support for Greenbelt’s School Resource Officer (SRO) program, since the county is funding SROs for other parts of the county. He also is expecting action by the Maryland Comptroller on an early distribution to local governments of their share of state income tax revenues. He could not say for certain that these increased revenues would be realized before council has to make a decision on the budget, but he will provide any news to council as soon as it is received.

Citizen Comments

Citizen input at the final budget work session came mostly at the end of the meeting. Clement Lau expressed appreciation to the council for working so hard on the budget but he was disappointed that council “. . . did

not find enough cuts. After talking with my neighbors, I am concerned that an up to \$500 increase in city taxes for people retired or on a single income could drive people away (from Greenbelt).”

Marc Siegal noted that for the long term, council has to look for more reductions and for increased user fees for city programs and services.

Earlier in the evening Robert Zugby, president of Greenbelt Access Television, Inc., (GATE) noted that for the third year in a row, the city has arbitrarily reduced the city’s agreed upon level of contributions to support GATE and asked that council make an effort to restore the committed funds. Council while sympathetic was reluctant to commit to restoration until it saw what the final budget condition was.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Home Invasion

May 13, 11:30 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, two persons reported that they were in a parking lot when two men offered to sell them something. The two victims then walked to their apartment, followed by the men. As the victims were about to enter the apartment, one of the men produced a handgun and forced the victims into their residence, where two other people were already inside. Once inside, the men pistol-whipped the residents and took money, cell phones and a laptop computer. One of the victims was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment of a head laceration. The suspects are described as two black males both 20 to 25 years of age with black hair and brown eyes. One was 6' to 6'2", 125 to 150 pounds, wearing black pants and a black-hooded sweatshirt. The second was 5'6" to 5'8", 200 to 250 pounds, wearing blue jeans and a blue-hooded sweatshirt.

Robberies

May 10, 3:12 p.m., 7701 Greenbelt Road, a teller at the SunTrust Bank reported that a woman drove up to the drive-through window and passed a note demanding money. A weapon was implied but not displayed. The teller refused to comply and the woman drove away from the scene. She is described as a black female 35 to 36 years of age, 5'5" to 5'6" with a medium build and black hair, wearing a white T-shirt and dark sunglasses. She was driving a beige Toyota 4-door, possibly a 1996 Corolla with the rear tag covered.

May 14, 6:20 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a man reported that he was walking down a sidewalk when he observed another man standing in front of an apartment building. The suspect asked the victim for a cigarette. The victim agreed, but only if the suspect would let him use the suspect's cellular telephone. The suspect advised the victim to follow him into the building's laundry room in order for the suspect to plug the phone into an outlet. Once inside the laundry room, the suspect produced a handgun and took a necklace from the victim and also attempted to sexually assault him. The victim then pushed the suspect away and fled the scene on foot. The suspect allegedly fired a shot toward the victim as he exited the building but it did not strike him. The suspect is described as a black male, approximately 25 years of age, 6' with a medium build and black hair.

May 16, 4:41 p.m., 6100 block Springhill Terrace, a man reported that he was followed into an apartment building by three men. One of them produced a knife and the three began punching and kicking the victim and took his wallet. The three men then fled the scene on foot. The victim was transported by ambulance to the hospital for treatment. The suspects are described as three black males, one wearing a jersey and one with his hair in

dreadlocks wearing a camouflage shirt.

May 19, 5:16 p.m., Beltway Plaza Mall, a man reported that while walking in the rear parking lot a black pickup truck came to a sudden stop. He was knocked to the ground, punched and kicked by four black males and held down while they searched his pockets and took currency. The victim then heard tires screech and saw the black pickup truck fleeing toward Cherrywood Lane.

May 19, 7:48 p.m., 100 block of Westway, a woman reported that when she answered a knock at her door, two men displayed a silver-colored automatic style handgun and asked for a person by name. When the woman responded that she did not know where that person was, the men demanded her purse. The woman said that there was nothing in her purse and the men fled the scene in a white, two-door Ford Thunderbird. The suspects are described as two black males, ages unknown, one 5'7", with brown short hair, thin beard, dark complexion and brown eyes, wearing a gray colored sweat-shirt. The second had brown hair and eyes and was wearing a green colored T-shirt.

DWI

May 1, 2:47 p.m., Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, failure to remain at the scene of a personal injury accident, reckless driving, negligent driving and other traffic violations after he was involved in a traffic accident and fled the scene on foot. He was apprehended in the nearby woods and released on citations pending trial.

May 13, 2:37 p.m., Greenbelt Road and the Baltimore/Washington Parkway, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, reckless driving, negligent driving and failure to obey a traffic device after she was stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

May 14, 2:00 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Route 95, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired after she was stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

May 14, 2:46 a.m., 7700 block Greenbelt Road, a nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after she was stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

May 17, 1:39 a.m., Southway and Greenbelt Road, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with driving while impaired and driving under the influence after he was stopped for a traffic violation. He was released on citations pending trial.

May 19, 1:17 a.m., Kenilworth Avenue and Route 95, a

nonresident woman was arrested and charged with driving while impaired, driving under the influence, failure to obey a traffic device and other traffic charges after she was stopped for a traffic violation. She was released on citations pending trial.

Drugs

May 14, 8:44 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Drive, two resident men were arrested and charged with possession of paraphernalia. Police responded to a report of suspicious persons loitering in front of an apartment building. The men were located and police detected the odor of suspected marijuana. Both men were found to be in possession of drug paraphernalia and were released on citation pending trial.

Disorderly Conduct

May 15, 10:20 p.m., T.G.I.Fridays Restaurant, a nonresident man and woman were arrested and charged with disorderly conduct after they were involved in a fight at the restaurant. They were arrested when they refused orders to leave the premises after the altercation was broken up. Both were released on citation pending trial.

False Statement

May 18, 12:57 a.m., Hanover Parkway and Hanover Drive, a nonresident man was arrested and charged with false statement to a police officer when police stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation. The driver gave police a false name and investigation revealed that he had an open warrant with the Prince George's County Sheriff's Department under his real name. He was released to the department of corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner and for service of the warrant.

Burglary

May 16, 9:04 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Court, it was reported that unknown person(s) possibly used a key to enter a residence. Nothing was taken but the television set was turned on.

Vehicle Crimes

May 11, Greenbelt Road and Walker Drive, a man reported that he was driving on Greenbelt Road when he heard a popping noise and his rear window shattered. It is unclear what caused the window to shatter.

Four vehicles were stolen: a maroon 1995 Honda Accord 4-door, Virginia tags JKC9596 from the 9000 block Edmonston Road; a silver 1992 Mazda 626, Delaware tags 950915 from the 6100 block Springhill Terrace; a 1998 Ford truck from the 5800 block Cherrywood Lane; and a black 1995 Nissan Maxima 4-door, Maryland tags FBT046 from the 8200 block Canning Terrace.

Four vehicles were recovered, one by Greenbelt police and three by other police departments. No arrests were made in any of the recoveries.

Vandalism to and theft from vehicles were reported in the following areas: Beltway Plaza Mall, 9000 block Breezewood Terrace, 9300 block Edmonston Road (two incidents), 9100 block Edmonston Terrace, 6200 block Springhill Court, 9100 block Springhill Court, 6200 block Springhill Drive, 200 block Lakeside Drive, 4 Court Crescent Road, Ora Glen Drive and Ora Glen Court and 7600 block Mandan Road.

Spring's Last Blasts, Summer's First Fruits

by Lady Aster and Miss Lily

As we say "Ta Ta" to spring and welcome summer this Memorial Day weekend take advantage of the extra time to do a few garden things. Explore the plant nurseries and farmers' markets in the area – you can get a list of Maryland's farmers' markets at <http://www.ams.usda.gov/farmersmarkets/States/Maryland.htm>. Buy a new perennial to add to your garden family and mulch that last bed in the corner of the yard. And as you walk off your celebratory hot dogs and chips, check out the array of blooming plants that are still making a show around Greenbelt.

Now that all the trees and shrubs are once again embracing us in their verdant leafy arms and the bawdy azaleas have slipped into the background, one of the most impressive collections of local color to seek and enjoy are the clematis. These vines are wriggling across fences, up trellises and along porch eaves with flowers in blues, pinks, rubies and whites – and stripes! Whether you say "clemA-tis," "cle-mah-tis" or "clem-i-tis," this profusely blooming and incredibly diverse group of vines, which are members of the buttercup family, is in need of being explored and exploited.

To see what we mean, compare the different clematis growing at 6 Court Crescent Road. Another comparison can be made along the fence at 3 Court or the trellis at 13 Court Ridge. And in case you are interested there is an evergreen version (C. "Armandi") and a fall-blooming native that is fragrant (C. virginiana). This last species is a good example of why it pays to use the botanical name because the same common name – Sweet Autumn Clematis – is used for the non-native C. terniflora. For more information



on varieties that would do well in your garden as well as information on how to grow clematis, see the American Clematis Society's website at www.clematis.org.

Although they are fading a bit, you can still enjoy the heady fragrance of the wonderful species of rose in the island of the Co-op parking lot. The dense floral scent is enhanced by dozens of fist-size blooms each having layers of deep fuchsia petals. There are equally impressive displays of bearded, Dutch and Siberian irises blooming around the community (many with contrasting standards and falls) in addition to a soon-to-pop peony population. If peonies are at the top of your plant list, a "must see" is the incredible display at the National Arboretum's Boxwood Garden. This wonderful, almost-local garden should be on everyone's list to visit throughout the year. For more information and directions see their website at <http://www.usna.usda.gov/>.

In case you're in need of a small tree (or large shrub) for your garden that is a bit unusual, check out the White Fringe Tree (Chionanthus virginicus) that is blooming just west of the corner of Parkway and Crescent Roads. This particularly showy native – and fragrant – tree is in glorious full bloom. If you take time to look at the flowers you won't be surprised that another common name for this tree is Grancy Greybeard.

Quote of the Month: "Flowers are sunshine, food and medicine to the soul." – Luther Burbank

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Greenbelt Community Gardens Unite Generations

by Susan Stern

Even if things run amuck, you won't stop the community garden clean up across from the GHI offices! Saturday, April 30 brought lots of rain, mud and almost 20 gardeners traipsing through the muddy trails with plastic, glass, metal, rubber and other trash collected from the gardens and surrounding areas. This marked the annual "tailgate party" with the city trash truck.

This event at the community gardens unites generations. Father and daughter teams included John Henry Jones (fondly known as the Garden Captain) and daughter Coritta, Wayne and Becky Williams and Craig and Ursula Tooley. From age 76 down to 12, all gardeners had fun uniting and helping each other beautify the gardens.

John Henry is a pioneer of the garden with 15 years at this present area. You can tell by the rich, dark soil in his plot! Popular now in this unplowed section of the community gardens are organic methods – feed the soil, not the plants. Leaf mulch, available at Northway Fields, is one ingredient for composting and building a healthy soil and garden.

Sustainable methods like composting allow gardeners to raise fresh, nutritious vegetables. Raising children in this natural way also provides healthy outcomes! Successful gardening requires hard work and patience but provides the great reward of learning from nature.

Gardener Joey Murray helped

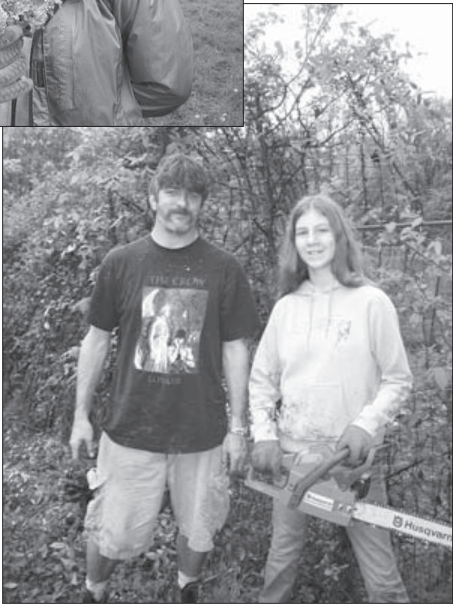
demonstrate working with nature when he taught how to make rope from the bark of a tree that had to be trimmed. Renata Atkinson discovered a robin's nest with eggs while clearing an overgrown fence. She and Joey artfully wove branches to restore a sense of cover. Garden Area Coordinator, Susan Stern, demonstrated water saving by filling buckets from the irrigation channels active from the rain. By the end of the



Photos by Susan Stern

day, John Henry observed one inch of rain in his gauge. Even if it rained a lot, it was a day made beautiful by the shining smiles of the gardeners.

The community garden is a respite for many local residents including, from top: Kuan Hsu, John Henry Jones and daughter Coritta and Craig and Ursula Tooley.



At Botanical Garden Bartholdi Park Tour

Explore Bartholdi Park free with knowledgeable United States Botanical Garden staff and volunteers. On Tuesday, May 31 at noon stroll through Bartholdi Park, learn how spring unfolds in the home landscape demonstration garden and gather gardening tips for one's own garden. The tour will be led by Robert Pritchard, gardener/supervisor or Hawsie Nash, garden volunteer. Space is limited so register early. Tours are cancelled if it rains.

Pre-registration is requested, and may be made by calling 202-226-4082.

Field Day at BARC

On Saturday, June 4 the Agricultural Research Service, Henry A. Wallace Beltsville Agricultural Center (BARC) will hold its Annual Public Field Day from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The day's activities will take place in front of Building 003 on U.S. Route 1 in Beltsville and extend to other areas throughout BARC.

The Annual Public Field Day has been a successful and rewarding event in the past. It is family oriented and is a fun and enjoyable day for people of all ages. Last year 70 scientific exhibits were on display that provided an opportunity for approximately 6,500 visitors to learn first-hand about the exciting research being conducted at BARC. Other planned activities include guided tour hayrides through the research fields, dairy barn tours, a petting zoo and guided bus tours to various sites at the Center.

Bonsai Photo Exhibit Opens

From May 28 to December 31, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the public is invited to a world bonsai contest photographic exhibit. See photographs of the top 100 bonsai in the world at the National and Penjing Museum of the National Arboretum. Admission is free. Call 202-245-4523 or visit www.usna.usda.gov for details.

Hiking Fort Circle Parks in Southeast

Trails in the Fort Circle parks in Southeast Washington D.C. will be featured on National Trails Day, Saturday, June 4. At 8:30 a.m. visitors are to meet a National Park ranger at the Fort Dupont Activity Center, just east of Randle Circle and Minnesota Avenue, SE. A car pool of visitors' vehicles will then go to the trail at Fort Ricketts on Erie Street and Fort Place, SE. A three-mile hike with a park ranger will begin across the street from the Smithsonian's Anacostia Museum.

During the hike, Park Historian Frank Faragasso will give a briefing on the cultural history of the Fort Circle Parks and Robert Hall, director of education at the Smithsonian Anacostia Museum, will discuss the history of Anacostia. The Earth Conservation Corps will give a live bird of prey demonstration.

Visitors are advised to wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts, hiking boots or tennis shoes as the woods are filled with thick underbrush and poison ivy. RSVP to Park Ranger Lavell Merritt at 202-690-5164 or Lavell_Merritt@nps.gov by May 30.

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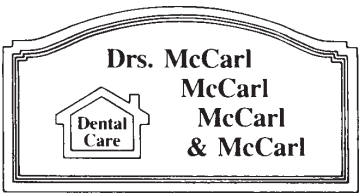


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Museum Lecture Explores American Wedding Customs

by Katie Scott-Childress

On Sunday, June 5 at 4 p.m. the Greenbelt Museum will host the lecture “Something Old, Something New: Inventing the American Wedding” in the Community Center Multi-Purpose Room 201. In this lecture Alden O’Brien, curator of Costume and Textiles for the D.A.R. Museum in Washington, D.C., will explore the origins of wedding traditions in the United States. Traditions such as a white gown and veil for the bride, a cake-cutting ceremony and tossing a bouquet seem to be age-old customs, yet most of them were invented during the Victorian Age as a combination of Christian, Jewish, pagan and royal traditions. Religious symbolism and fashion coincided in the choice of the white gown. Folklore and superstition were the source of other traditions. O’Brien explores the history of wedding customs through diaries, fashion plates, photo-

graphs and paintings from the Revolutionary period to the Jazz Age. This illustrated lecture will highlight wedding fashions from 1920 to 1940. O’Brien has curated numerous exhibits at the D.A.R. Museum including the popular “Costume Myths and Mysteries” which featured a room full of period reproduction corsets and hoops to try on. Last year she curated “Something Old, Something New: Inventing the American Wedding.” Two years ago she assumed curatorship of the D.A.R.’s well-known quilt collection. She frequently gives lectures on the history of costume. The Greenbelt Museum sponsors a bi-monthly lecture series that is free to the public. The lectures explore aspects of the history of the Great Depression and World War II era. For more information call the museum office at 301-507-6582 or email museum@greenbeltmd.gov.

Bus Tour Will Revisit Slave Adam Francis Plummer Sites

Many African American histories can only be speculated about, but the Riversdale estate has a well-documented story of one, that of Adam Francis Plummer. This patriarch of a family who became pillars of the African American community in Prince George’s County, Adam Plummer was born into slavery. He grew up at Riversdale, learned to read and write and recorded events of his life in a diary. He wrote of his tribulations and triumphs through slavery into freedom in the 19th century. On Saturday, June 18, a bus tour will follow Plummer’s experiences from plantations to homestead. The day begins with a tour of Riversdale at 8:30 a.m. Other sites include Kingdom Missionary Baptist Church where daughter Sarah Miranda founded a congregation in 1866; Harmony

Memorial Park where many of the family are laid to rest; Mount Hebron in Howard County where Plummer’s wife, Emily, was taken in 1855; and a final visit to the site of Mount Rose, the family homestead in present-day Edmonston. The bus returns to Riversdale at 4 p.m. The Rev. L. Jerome Fowler, a great-great grandson of Adam Francis Plummer, and historian Susan Pearl will lead the tour. A fee includes travel by motorcoach, box lunch and morning snack and admission fees. Advance reservations are required by June 6. Riversdale, a National Historic Landmark, is located at 4811 Riverdale Road in the town of Riverdale Park. For more information or reservations call 301-864-0420; TTY 301-699-2544. Website: <http://www.pgparcs.com>; email Riversdale@pgparcs.com.

Greenbelt Concert Band Plays Locally

The Greenbelt Concert Band is an adult musical organization dedicated to providing quality musical programs for residents of Greenbelt, of Prince George’s County and surrounding areas. The band performs for civic and charitable activities, including concerts for veterans groups, hospital patients and staff and other shut-ins. Periodic concerts are presented in Greenbelt and Prince George’s County in fall, winter and spring. Summer concerts are performed at Greenbelt’s Buddy Attic Park, including the traditional Independence Day Concert preceding the annual fireworks display and at other area facilities. All concerts are open to the public and are free of charge. G. Thomas Cherrix, conductor, is a graduate of the University of Maryland, College Park. An accomplished woodwind performer, he studied under the late Eugene Dimond. Cherrix has conducted and performed with numerous musical ensembles in and around the Washington, D.C. area since the 1960s. He has composed and arranged music for orchestras, bands and small ensembles. Cherrix was the general manager of the band for more than two decades and, since the early 1980s, was the band’s associate conductor under Maestro John DelHomme, conductor. Cherrix is a member in good standing of the Association of Concert Bands. The officers of the band are: General Manager David Clarke, Librarian Joan Culpepper, Secretary/Treasurer Ronald Culpepper, Personnel Manager Caroline Cherrix and Publicity Manager David Lewis. The office of property manager is vacant. For additional information concerning the Greenbelt Concert Band, including membership requirements and schedule of performances, call Cherrix at 301-552-1444, Clarke at 301-384-5674 or the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. Evening Events At Botanic Garden The United States Botanic Garden (USBG) conservatory is a special place in the evenings. For the summer it will be open every other Tuesday until 8 p.m. Spend a few minutes expanding gardening knowledge and exploring the conservatory at night. Activities at the garden could include a lecture, guided tour, musical performance or workshop. Some evening programs require pre-registration. To register call the USBG at 202-226-4082 or visit the online event registration at www.usbg.gov/education/events. The first event on Tuesday, June 7 is “Tiptoeing Through the Tulips with You: Flowers, True Love and Popular Songs.” Pre-registration is required. The USBG conservatory is open to the public, free of charge, every day of the year from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The conservatory is located at 100 Maryland Avenue, SW, at the foot of the U.S. Capitol. For information call 202-225-8333 or visit www.usbg.gov.

Review

Octtava Piano Duo Plays For Enthusiastic Audience

by Judy Bell

The Octtava Piano Duo delighted our town once again on a balmy April 17 evening, performing in concert for approximately 125 enthusiastic listeners at the Greenbelt Community Church. Wei-Der Huang, the church’s organist and musical director and Hsien-Ann Meng played piano four-hand and included the works of Beethoven, Thome, Rachmaninoff, 20th-century composers William Gaither and John Corigliano and a playful P.D.Q. Bach sonata in their diverse program. A well-blended interplay between the organ and piano was evidenced in Thome’s “Andante Religioso,” a serene piece by a composer described as a neat, refined artist. The instruments complemented each other and the use of the chimes was an added touch. The “Sonata in D Major, Op. 6” by Beethoven was played in perfect unison. Each year the duo continues to grow and this piece particularly demonstrated their talent for piano four-hand. Octtava brings energy and excitement to their work, as demonstrated in Corigliano’s “Gazebo Dances,” at times played with overlapping hands, interweaving the moods and textures of energy, serenity and gaiety throughout this work. The suite concluded with a tarantella, a lively and fast dance believed by some to be a remedy for one that has been bitten by the tarantula. P.D.Q. Bach, a persona invented by the American composer, arranger and humorist Peter Schickele, lampoons Baroque and classical music. In the second

movement of the “Sonata Innamorata, S. 1+1” Octtava performed a surprise move – switching positions midstream – accomplished through Meng kneeling down, continuing to play her part, while Huang moved around behind her, also continuing to play, with the duo switching back later in the movement. They also turned and faced the audiences and made kissing sounds, adding a delightful dimension of humor to their repertoire. Finale The grand finale, Rachmaninoff’s “Six Pieces, Op. 11,” began with an exquisitely played, hauntingly beautiful barcarolle, switched to a lively scherzo, a Russian theme, an accelerated waltz, a dark, spinning melody called “Romance” and the last piece “Slava” providing a taste of each of the previous six and completing the work. Comments like “amazing,” a “real treat,” “another magical evening” and “what a treasure,” were heard after the performance. “The selections were rich and diverse. We were totally engrossed in the music and were able to forget all our troubles for a while,” Suze and Jim Marley said. Pianists Wei-Der Huang and Hsien-Ann Meng, friends since graduate school, obtained their doctor of musical arts degrees from the University of Maryland at College Park. The Octtava has performed locally at the Levine School of Music, Howard Community College and Strathmore Hall Tea Time, nationally in California and internationally in Taiwan. Their next performance will be May 10 for the Montgomery County Music Teachers Association at Stone Ridge School. Early Openings Set At Aquatic Gardens The National Park Service will open Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens at 6 a.m., on the following dates: June 4, July 2 and August 6. The early hours are being offered for bird watchers and photographers wishing to see the beautiful night blooming waterlilies and other exotic plants at the park earlier than the normal opening time of 7 a.m. No special reservations are required. The waterlily festival is scheduled for July 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For further information contact Park Ranger Kate Bucco at 202-426-6905.

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Review

Duo Presents Interesting And Challenging Program

by James Giese

Two talented young women again performed in concert before an appreciative crowd at the Greenbelt Community Church on April 17. The Octava Piano Duo, consisting of Wei-Der Huang, Community Church organist, and Hsien-Ann Meng, both doctoral graduates of the University of Maryland Musical Arts program, performed for the third year at the church, offering once more an interesting, unusual and challenging program. It would take someone with greater knowledge and training than I to tell you just how good these two are but there is no question that the audience, which gave the two a standing ovation, found them to be outstanding.

Their program started off with two pieces written for the piano and organ, a combination that I find particularly beautiful and grand. “Andante Religioso” by Francis Thomé is a lush, melodic combination of the two instruments that got the program off to a good start. It was followed by a powerful and stirring rendition of William Gaither’s familiar hymn “Because He Lives” as arranged by John Innes and Bill Fasig.

No classical piano performance would be complete without a work by Beethoven and for this concert the duo choose his “Sonata in D Major.” In two parts, a joyful allegro molto and a more subdued moderato, the piece wove the melodic lines into the upper and lower registers to give both pianists the opportunity to work with it.

The last piece before the intermission was a modern work by John Corigliano “Gazebo Dances.” After a strong overture a waltz movement followed that was not danceable by anyone other than a ballet dancer who might be performing something out of a weird dream sequence. The following adagio, too, was dreamy in a weird sense. The concluding lively and fast tarantella gave the

duo quite a work out.

Following intermission the duo took on a two-handed work, the “Sonata Innamorata, S. 1+1,” by P.D.Q. Bach, the fictional composer created by humorist Professor Peter Schieckele. According to program notes this work was written for the purposes of seduction with a second movement constructed according to “Bach” in such a way as to make the desirable happen. As performed by the duo, while continuously playing, positions at the piano were reversed and then reversed again in the allegro impetuoso movement. Then in the andante con cozyta movement, first the duo began playing with overlapping inside hands and then for a while each played the opposite side of the keyboard with both hands crossed over or under their partner’s. The work concluded with a fast-paced presto obsessto. Were one to hear this work without seeing it performed, one would probably consider it to be a pretty good representation of a Mozartian era piano work.

The final work “Six Pieces, Op. 11” by Sergei Rachmaninoff, was unfamiliar to me and was more modern in tone and style than his more familiar works. When the piece moved to the fourth and fifth movements, a waltz and romance, I again felt that I was listening to something that might accompany a weird dream. These pieces, which continued to demonstrate the versatility of the performers, ended with a rousing series of variations of the theme “Slava” (Glory), a melody made familiar outside Russia by Modest Mussorgsky in the coronation scene of the first act of his opera “Boris Godounov.”

Following the standing ovation, Huang played a very brief encore, the very familiar Happy Birthday song with which the audience joined in singing in honor of Meng’s birthday.

Review

Greenbelt Pianist Balzer At Night Music Concert

by Jessi Britton

“Eine Kleine Nachtmusik” was the theme of a moving recital on April 23 at Chevy Chase United Methodist Church with Greenbelt pianist Muriel Balzer. The listeners were captivated by a beautiful blending of poetry and emotions of music of the night by “Music Amongst Friends.”

Balzer accompanied internationally acclaimed tenor James Moore and soprano Gina Moore in much more than a “Little Night Music.” The audience was treated to a collection of music from the old masters, among them Strauss, Brahms, Schubert, Mahler, Schumann, Chopin and Puccini, to the more recent Rodgers, Holmes and Andrew Lloyd Webber. This music expressed to the audience all the powerful emotions that darkness evokes – romance, love, joy, desire, passion, the fears of



loneliness, abandonment and death – it ended with “Music of the Night” from “Phantom of the Opera.”

This recital was sponsored by Rick Jones Pianos of Beltsville.

Balzer has done extensive solo, chamber and accompanying work. Most notably, she was accompanist for the international opera star, Veronica Tyler. She has performed throughout the U.S. with numerous performances in Weill Hall at Carnegie Hall, Merkin Hall, the Kennedy Center Concert Hall and many others and has taught piano and music theory at the Johns Hopkins University, Peabody Conservatory of Music, Preparatory Department.

Balzer is founder and artistic director for “Music Amongst Friends.” For information, visit www.musicamongstfriends.com.

Get into the Arts

Review

Slinging the Blues at the New Deal Café

by Shirl Hayes

Spinning out the pre-WWII acoustic blues down at the New Deal Café on Saturday, April 23 were Ian Morrison, Waverly Milor, Tommy Foerter and Dru Lore; a vibrant harbinger of blues to come for the June 18 festival this summer.

“I love playing at the New Deal. The people genuinely love the music,” said Morrison. “I play in bars usually and that’s to the drunken masses. [At the New Deal] there is a really good vibe.”

The evening started out with the genial, chatting crowd listening to Ian and Waverly by the flickering light of candles cupped in stained glass. At the opening chords the diners became the audience and they quieted but did not fall completely silent. The swirl of conversations added an improvisational background to the music that has always been meant to ebb and flow around people like water around the stones and plants of a living river.

“We like the kind of music by Mississippi John Hurt and Muddy waters and North Mississippi hill-country blues by R.L. Burnside and Jr. Kimbrough,” said Milor. “We rarely play the same song the same way twice . . . we go where the song takes us.”

The first set started out with



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An evening of North Mississippi Hill Country Blues at the New Deal Café.

Ian and Waverly talking between songs in an approachable, casual way about their music so that even someone who knows nothing about blues could feel like they belonged. The two performers kidded around between songs with the laidback enthusiasm of a couple of guys sharing something they love with a roomful of automatic friends.

“I’ve been playing the harmonica seriously for the last seven years,” said Milor. “I played around with it when I was younger because there were some cool harmonica parts in Black Sabbath songs.”

Morrison has been playing the last 12 years. “My dad is a musician and he bought me a guitar,” said Morrison.

Lore and Foerter showed up for the second set adding a resonator and another harmonica as well as new voices to Milor’s harmonica and Morrison’s guitar, jumping up the energy level and turning the music out in all directions, making the “swinging easy” turn into foot tapping “yeah, man.” The singing varied in flavor and tone from apple brandy in a sunlit jelly jar, to gravy on grits, to what it would sound like if Tennessee road dust could grab a microphone and belt out Hank Williams.

Like fire that burns and entrances, yet is not permanent, the evening did end but left everyone the warmer for it.

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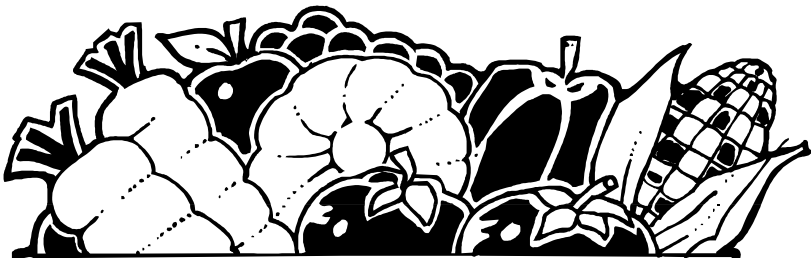
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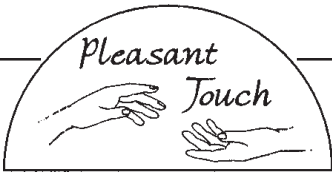
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Three story townhome with 2 large bedrooms and 3 1/2 baths. Large front porch; perfect for those quiet summer evenings. \$289,900 SOLD

Lakeside

Four bedroom split-level home on quiet cul-de-sac. Just steps from Greenbelt Lake & parkland. Owners are ready to go! \$414,900 SOLD



Greenbelt Day Weekend

Celebrating our 68th year, 1937 - 2005 ~ Friday, June 3-Sunday, June 5

Join in the fun of this anniversary weekend! Time has proven that Greenbelt is a great community in which to live, work and play. Greenbelt Day Weekend is the perfect time to experience some of the reasons that perpetuate the “Greenbelt Is Great” attitude. Stroll through our walkways on a tour of Greenbelt homes and gardens, take in a ball game, listen to live music, join in hands-on arts activities, take a dip in the pool . . . there truly is something for everyone. Enjoy! All activities are FREE and open to ALL AGES unless otherwise noted.

The Mayor and City Council cordially invite all of you to come and enjoy your community.



Friday, June 3rd

6:00am–10:30pm	Greenbelt Municipal Pool Indoor Facility open. Admittance provided through yearly passes, summer passes and resident daily admission fees.
8:00am–4:00pm	United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Patrol Dog One (PD1) certification trials: City of Greenbelt’s Canine Unit will be hosting the USPCA Patrol Dog One (PD1) certification trials. On Friday the 3rd, the trials will consist of obedience, agility, tracking, and one other component. Schrom Hills Park.
8:30am	9th Annual Gene Kellaher Scholarship Golf Classic. Co-sponsored by the Greenbelt American Legion Post #136 at the Lake Arbor Golf & Country Club. Sponsors welcome, contact Hank Irving, 240-542-2190.
9:00am–10:00pm	Greenbelt Museum Exhibition. “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era.” Community Center.
11:00am–8:00pm	Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Purchase a summer season pass and save on the price for daily admissions.
9:00am–10:00pm	“The Nature of Green Man” Art Exhibition. Features nature-themed artwork in several media by 23 local artists. Community Center.
9:00am–10:00pm	“Small Wonders: Images for Spring by the Greenbelt Photo Club” Art Exhibition. Features floral images by eight club members. Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.
6:00pm	Mets vs. Marlins Machine Pitch. Braden Field #3.
6:00pm	Cubs vs. Lions Major League. McDonald Field.
6:00pm	A’s vs. Giants Major League. Braden Field #2.
8:00pm	Parents vs. Coaches. Braden Field #2.

Saturday, June 4th

8:00am–9:45pm	Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Admittance provided through yearly passes, summer passes and resident daily admission fees
8:00am–1:00pm	United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Patrol Dog One (PD1) certification trials: City of Greenbelt’s Canine Unit will be hosting the United States Police Canine Association (USPCA) Patrol Dog One (PD1) certification trials. The trials will consist of the apprehension series. Upon its conclusion awards will be presented. About 50 canine teams (canine + handler) have signed up so far for the certification trials. Schrom Hills Park.
9:00am–10:00pm	Greenbelt Museum Exhibition. “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the New Deal Era.” Community Center.
9:00am–10:00pm	“The Nature of Green Man” Art Exhibition. Features nature-themed artwork in several media by 23 local artists. Community Center.
9:00am–10:00pm	“Small Wonders: Images for Spring by the Greenbelt Photo Club” Art Exhibition. Features floral images by eight club members. Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.
8:00pm–10:00pm	Family Swim Night. Free swim for all families; use floats, aqua noodles diving rings and listen to lively music. Greenbelt passholders bring passes or \$3.00 per family for non-passholders. Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center
10:00am-8:00pm	Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission for residents provide admittance to the facility.

GREENBELT DAY - Sunday, June 5th

8:00am–10:00pm	Aquatic and Fitness Center Open. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission for residents provide admittance.
9:00am–10:00pm	Greenbelt Museum Exhibition. “Living the Healthy Life: Sports, Health and Fitness in the new Deal Era”. Community Center.
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10:00am–8:00pm	Greenbelt Municipal Outdoor Pool Open. Recreational swimming for all ages. Yearly passes, summer passes and daily admission for residents provide admittance to the facility.
12:30pm–4:00pm	GHI Home & Garden Tour. Begin at the Museum house at 10-B Crescent Road and enjoy the architectural enhancements, remodeling, renovation projects, and landscaped gardens on this walking tour of Greenbelt Homes. Maps are available at the Greenbelt Community Center.
1:00pm	Little League All Star Game. McDonald Field.
ARTFUL AFTERNOON:	
1:00pm–5:00pm	Studio Open House. Artists-in-residence. Community Center.
1:00pm–5:00pm	House Tours. Greenbelt Museum historic home, 10-B Crescent Road.
1:00pm–3:00pm	Create Whimsical Sculptures. No experience necessary. Art will be used for the July 4th Independence Day celebration at “Buddy” Attick Park. Community Center.
2:50pm	Mayor and City Council Greenbelt Day 68th Anniversary Comments. Join the Mayor and City Council for their 68th Anniversary remarks. Community Center.
3:00pm	FREE PERFORMANCE: Japanese Dance Kotobuki Kai. Appropriate for all ages. Community Center.
4:00pm	Lecture: “20th Century Wedding Dresses/Customs.” Lecturer: Alden O’Brien, Costume Historian, D.A.R. Museum. Multi-Purpose Room in the Community Center.
7:00–9:00pm	Reception at the New Deal Café: Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) will be sponsoring an artists’ reception for two Greenbelters: Dorian Winterfeld, who will have his photographs on exhibit, and Shirl Hayes, whose art work will also be on display. This is a free event, and the public is invited to come to meet the artists and view their work. Roosevelt Center.

Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center Summer Daily Admission Prices May 28, 2005 – September 5, 2005				Greenbelt Residents are required to show proof of residency when paying daily admission. Weekend and Holidays are restricted to Passholders, Greenbelt Residents & their guests.
	GREENBELT RESIDENT	WEEKDAY NON-RESIDENT	WEEKEND AND HOLIDAY GUEST	
Youth (1-13)	\$2.50	\$4.50	\$3.50	
Young Adult (14-17)	\$3.50	\$5.50	\$4.50	
Adult (18-59)	\$4.50	\$6.50	\$5.50	
Senior (60+ years)	\$3.00	\$5.50	\$4.50	